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## Witkos Announces Open Space Grant for Canton Land Conservation Trust



Representative Kevin Witkos (R-Canton) today announced that the Canton Land Conservation Trust, Inc. would be awarded open space grant funds to obtain the Sweeton Pasture Lot. The parcel consists of 43.7 acres of hardwood forest with 1,380 feet of frontage on Bunker Hill Road.

The total funds, totaling \$85,747.50 originates from the eleventh round of the Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant Program. Acquisition of the parcel would protect a 60-acre block on both sides of Bunker Hill Road.

"I am pleased that this item is part of the latest round of open space project funding," said Rep. Witkos. "The preservation of open space is particularly critical in Canton and surrounding communities, as it is one of the truly defining characteristics of where we live. I thank Governor Rell and the Department of Environmental Protection for their work and efforts in seeing this funding realized."

The topography of the parcel slopes generally to the east and south with scenic views of an area that is now home to migratory songbirds.